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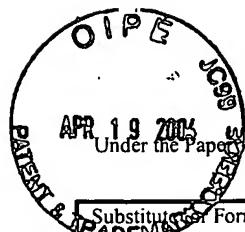
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US 1,521,682 relates to motor vehicle retarding devices arranged between the axle and the frame. The device provides its principal retarding effect from one extreme position to the other but with diminishing retarding effect as the length of the stroke decreases.



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